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APPLICANT : Hoffbeck, Mark D.
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 6, 8, 10-11, 14-15, 18-19, 21, 23-24, 27-28 and 31-32 as follows:

6. (Twice Amended)

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The tissue culture according to claim 5, the cells or protoplasts of said cells having been isolated from a tissue selected from the group consisting of leaves, pollen, embryos, roots, root tips, anthers, silks, flowers, kernels, ears, cobs, husks, and stalks.

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